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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, WB, GW, UK, US, FR
SUBJECT: APPEAL TO PRESIDENT BY SON OF RUDOLF HESS

REFS: (A) LONDON 4476; (B) STATE 52503; (C) BONN 3899;
(D) BONN 3545 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING TRIPARTITE COORDINATION, ALLIED AMBASSA-
DORS ON APRIL 1 EACH SENT THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO WOLF
RUEDIGER HESS IN RESPONSE TO HIS MESSAGE TO ALLIED
HEADS OF STATE (REF D) URGING THAT HIS FATHER BE
REMOVED TO A CIVILIAN HOSPITAL AND RELEASED.

BEGIN U.S. TEXT:

I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO REPLY TO YOUR TELEGRAM OF
FEBRUARY 26 TO PRESIDENT CARTER.

AS YOU ARE WELL AWARE, THE UNITED STATES FAVORS THE
IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF YOUR FATHER ON
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HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS SINCE
1964, WE, TOGETHER WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREAT
BRITAIN AND FRANCE, HAVE APPROACHED THE SOVIET UNION
ON THE MATTER. ON EACH OCCASION, THE SOVIET RESPONSE
HAS BEEN NEGATIVE.

IN REGARD TO YOUR FATHER'S HEALTH, THE COMPETENT ALLIED

AUTHORITIES DO NOT BELIEVE THAT HIS CONDITION REQUIRES
REMOVAL FROM THE PRISON TO A HOSPITAL. I CAN ASSURE
YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL
CONTINUE TO WORK FOR FOUR-POWER AGREEMENT ON YOUR
FATHER'S RELEASE AND WILL MEANWHILE DO ALL IT CAN TO
ENSURE THAT THE CONDITIONS OF THE IMPRISONMENT OF
YOUR FATHER ARE AS COMFORTABLE AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT.

END TEXT.

2. FOR LONDON: WE ARE POUCHING COPIES OF RELEVANT
CABLE TRAFFIC TO YOU IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST IN
REF A PARA 3.
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